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Column One David Courtney

IT is the eve of Passover, and for the Christian Easter; for by the chance fall of the seasons both these moving and faithful stories will be told together this year. And when the telling is done we shall go back to the ordinary business of life, to frontier incidents and to security Councils, resolutions and vetoes, A-bombs and H-bombs, and ideologies that take our minds off the teachings half divine half mortal, of an age of faith.

REASON and faith, which have moved in where faith moved out, are excellent things of course and for the reasonable man with a stomach for realism there is probably no comfort in faith in the faithful. But now and then, in the realist must warm himself at the ancient, undying fires; for these are cold, exacting days, and the reason as well as the faith is good to contemplate in a world that is as divinely guided if only to bring us for the world held in fist by the scientist. And it is surely a relief to take our eyes from the mushroom-shaped cloud in the Pacific and remember when it was the spirit of God that moved on the face of the waters.

TODAY we are as clever as monkeys, of course. The physicist, not the priest, is the one to throw dust in our eyes and the fact that his dust is radioactive is proof of his superiority over the cackled priest and the bearded rabbi. But just the same, millions of Jews take their places at tomorrow's supper tables and tell each other the tales of the past; and millions of Christians voices next morning will tell of the risen Christ. We need to be told these stories like a child who wakes fearfully in the night and has need of light and words to reassure him. For why it comes to the point perhaps we are not so very clever after all: only as clever as monkeys.

WE have contrived some remarkable things, to be sure — Democracy and Communism, the United Nations and the Atlantic Pact, parliaments and political Congresses, Mr. Vishinsky and Senator McCarthy, but there are times when even these prove to our ego seem to tremble and when the more daring among us ponder the possibility of something better. Passover, Easter, and those other symbols of an away from the moorings of history come to us then, gently encouraging, gently nostalgic, and leave us with the hope that the thermo-nuclear science may not have exhausted the gifts that wait for us from the unknown. Therefore let the greeting be: a Happy Passover, a Happy Easter.

Jerusalem, April 18.

UN Session Put Off At Vishinsky's Request

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter). — The meeting of the U.N. Security Council on the Israel-Jordan dispute has been postponed until Monday because the Council's President, Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky is suffering from laryngitis. The meeting was to have been held today.

Eban Says Press Reports on US Aid Inaccurate

WASHINGTON, Thursday (INA). — Israel Ambassador Abba Eban yesterday called attention to current press reports, which, he said, contained inaccuracies on American Economic Aid to Israel for the fiscal year 1954/5. He predicted that the true state of the aid situation would be clarified within the next few days.

(News agency reports yesterday gave the figure as \$22.5m.)

Mr. Eban made the statement after a lengthy discussion on economic and other matters with Mr. Henry Byroade, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

He revealed that so far, in the fiscal year 1954, Israel had received \$38m. The programme for the last quarter of the year was in its final stages.

Referring to Tuesday's statement by the State Department, he expressed hope for the use of cooperation rather than force by the countries of the Middle East. He said that this expressed precisely what the Israel Government had been trying to emphasize all along, and he hoped that the Arab situation would come to understand the necessity of direct cooperation.

Mr. Eban also revealed that he had discussed the border situation with Mr. Byroade in the light of the current Security Council debate. He added that they had not considered Israel's recent speech on the subject, but indicated that he would make an address in the near future in which Israel's views on her relations with world Jewry and the other topics raised by Mr. Byroade may be found.

Elath Discusses UN Session in London

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Eban, today discussed the UN Security Council talks on the Israel-Jordan border situation, an Israel Embassy spokesman said.

Israel Army Patrol Fired Upon

The Army spokesman announced that an Israel unit patrolling the Gaza Strip yesterday was fired on from across the armistice lines. There were no casualties.

Forty-eight metres of three-inch pipe, valued at IL470, were stolen by infiltrators from a farm near the Gaza Strip on Wednesday night.

Jordan has requested an emergency session of the Mixed Armistice Commission to consider two incidents in the Latrun area yesterday, including shooting at Arab Legion traffic.

NEABs reported. A team of U.N. and Jordanian representatives left for an on-the-spot investigation, the report added.

Commander E.H. Hutchison, M.A.C., has returned from a three-day visit to Jordan, where he discussed armistice matters with the Egyptian authorities, according to NEABs.

Following the general mobilization order in the Lebanon, medical examinations have begun for hundreds of reserve officers, the station reported.

Israel and the three Western Powers have made common cause to cancel the Armistice Agreements and force the Arabs to enter peace negotiations, an official Jordan spokesman stated last night.

He claimed that the Israel Government was diverting its resources from the country's "severe economic crisis" by staging an anti-Jordan campaign.

SHARRET, LAVON REPORT TO COMMITTEE

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday heard reports from the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the situation along the armistice lines. The Committee met in the Tel Aviv Knesset. Discussion on the reports will continue on Monday afternoon.

Congress Asked to Give Allies More Atom Data

WASHINGTON, Thursday (UP). — Leaders of the Congressional Atomic Energy Commission asked Congress today to revise the Atomic Energy Act to permit the transfer of A-bomb and H-bomb data and materials to U.S. allies.

Chairman Sterling Cole and Vice-Chairman Bourke Hickenlooper introduced in the House and Senate respectively, bills to grant this authority.

The bills would permit the Atomic Energy Commission to furnish information and materials — but not data on the design and fabrication of weapons — to other nations on regional defense organizations such as NATO.

They are intended to bring about the first changes in the 1946 Atomic Energy Act, President Eisenhower has recommended the changes.

Jordan Daily Demands Arab Aid—Or Else

Unless the Arab states grant immediate aid to Jordan to maintain her armistice lines, Jordan will adopt an "independent policy," the Old City daily "A Difa" threatened in an editorial yesterday.

"You have been warned," the paper adds, "and there will be no apologies later."

Balkan Accord May Become Full Alliance

ISTANBUL, Thursday (Reuter). — The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Mr. Koca Popovic, announced yesterday that President Tito, who is also in Turkey, had agreed with the Turkish Government to convert the Balkan Pact into an alliance "with mutual obligations of a military character," if Greece agreed. The pact was originally signed on February 23, 1953.

Mr. Popovic told a press conference that Turkey and Yugoslavia had agreed to carry the pact to its natural conclusion — the conclusion of an alliance.

In Athens, a Greek Foreign Ministry spokesman said that he had no official comment as yet on Mr. Popovic's statement. Greek diplomatic quarters have emphasized that Greece has no objection to changing the present treaty into an alliance.

British Protest Over Berlin Kidnapping

BERLIN, Thursday (Reuter). — Maj. Gen. William Oliver, British Commandant in Berlin, today sent a "vigorous" letter of protest to the Soviet authorities accusing the Communists of kidnapping Dr. Alexander Trushnikov, a leading Russian emigre, on Tuesday night.

He claimed that the Israel Government was diverting its resources from the country's "severe economic crisis" by staging an anti-Jordan campaign.

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USSR Refers West To East Germany

BERLIN, Thursday (Reuter). — Soviet High Commissioner in Germany, Vladimir Semenov today informed military missions accredited to the former Allied Control Council that they must deal in future with the East German authorities in all matters concerning East Germany.

Egyptian Party Men Lose Political Rights

CAIRO, Thursday. — All members of the former Wafdist, Saadist, and Liberal Nationalist parties in Egypt during the past 12 years are to be deprived of their political rights for 10 years, it was announced today in a decree after a session of the Cabinet and the Revolutionary Council.

The meeting decided that this measure was necessary to "protect the revolution."

It covers almost all Egyptian politicians except those barred from political activity because of their pro-Axis sympathies at the outbreak of World War II.

Another communique issued today accused leading newspaper editors and publishers of the scale corruption, however, Gamal Abdul Nasser said the crimes committed by the press were worse than those of ex-King Farouk.

Beirut Editors Protest

BEIRUT, Thursday (Reuter). — Directors of Beirut newspapers today called the Egyptian authorities protesting against their "binding the liberty of the press."

Italian Firm Sues Farouk For Unpaid Underwear

FLORENCE, Thursday (UP). — A suit charging former King Farouk of Egypt with owing payment of an underwear for nearly \$5,000 will be heard in court on Tuesday.

Stolen Money, Jewels, Arms Found

Most of the money stolen last week from the Kupat Mivve Vithashon bank, the Histadrut in Rehov Lunz, Jerusalem, was recovered yesterday when police discovered two caches on Propher Street. In two buried found IL22,365, much jewelry, months from their annual M'ot, parcels from two men, arms stolen two months ago from the Beit Hanashet in Jerusalem. Way, three masks, two tools.

They located the containers with jewels and arms in the former Italian hospital, and a few hours later, they uncovered the second container in the garden of the nearby Phoenix factory, also on Propher Street. The second held the money and pistols.

The police are still detaining their three suspects, Yitshak (25) and Nathan (21) Schreiber, who in July 1952 were sentenced to jail terms for stealing a safe with IL4,000 from Thuma in March of that year, and Yosef Mizrah, 20.

An attempt was made on Wednesday night to break into the Japhet Bank in Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem. The bank is 100 metres from the Kupat Mivve bank. Watchmen discovered that the iron grating on a side door had been tampered with. The burglars, it is believed, had been scared away.

Jewry Prepares for Freedom Feast

Jewish families in Israel and throughout the world will gather around the Seder table tomorrow night, Nissan 15, to usher in the Festival of Freedom. The Seder commemorates the end of the Israelites' bondage in Egypt more than 3,500 years ago.

The Chief of the Defence Forces has organized Sederim for servicemen who are unable to be with their families for the occasion.

Twenty-five prisoners from prisons whose terms were to expire during the holiday will be released today, according to an amnesty order issued yesterday by Minister of Police Behor Shitrit.

On Tuesday, the second of the intermediate days of Pesach, the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi will receive the public at Beit Hanasi in Jerusalem from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A special donation of 1,100 Pesach food parcels was made yesterday by CARF, the American welfare organization. The parcels will be distributed to needy families in Tel Aviv and throughout the country.

Food for Pesach has been distributed to close 1,500 families in various parts of the country by the Jewish Agency for Israel. The parcels were also sent to private social clubs and many schools.

The aerial "Operation Pesach" ended at Lydda Airport yesterday with the arrival of 140 tourists. Fifty passengers came by El Al from South Africa and the rest by El Al and KLM from Europe.

Following the intervention of the French liner s.s. Agamemnon, the 400 tourists aboard will be disembarked at Haifa.

US Pledge to Europe Seen; Paris Cabinet Crisis Looms

GAULISTS Consider Quitting Gov't

PARIS, Thursday. — Gaullist leaders tonight summoned the party's 125 parliamentarians for an emergency meeting next Thursday to decide whether the five Gaullist Ministers should remain in the Government.

The action brought the Government to the brink of a fresh political crisis only a few hours after an earlier crisis was reported to have been averted by the Cabinet's decision to ask the National Assembly on May 18 to fix a date for a debate on the European Defence Community.

In a statement issued tonight the Gaullists listed several recent events as justifying "the gravest fears." They were:

- Acceptance of West German constitutional changes which authorize German rearmament.
- Acceptance of a convention which establishes only a semblance of British association with E.D.C.
- Outside influences to send the Geneva conference astray (this was seen as a reference to the talks between U.S. Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Minister Bidault which ended yesterday).

They declared that "France is threatened with a sham American guarantee, a sham agreement on the Saar and pressure for the ratification of the E.D.C. unacceptable E.D.C. treaty."

Earlier, M. Bidault, backed by Premier Joseph Laniel, found himself in a difficult position when he announced that the Government would not advance approval of the treaty.

But the Cabinet decided that the Government would only ask the National Assembly to settle on a date if negotiations on France's pre-conditions had been concluded. This referred particularly to the drawn-out Franco-German efforts to find a solution to the Saar problem.

West Preparing For Geneva Conference

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — Sir Winston Churchill today called a Cabinet meeting for further discussion on the Geneva conference on Korea and Indo-China opening on April 28.

The three service Ministers, Mr. J.P.L. Thomas (Navy), Mr. Anthony Head (Army), and Lord de Lisle and Dudley (Air), and the Chiefs of Staff were at the meeting.

In Paris senior diplomats met to establish a detailed brief on Indo-China for the conference. They will have to decide which countries should be invited to the Indo-China conference. The Big Four Foreign Ministers in their Berlin communiqué merely spoke about "interested powers" and it will be up to the Geneva conference itself to decide who actually should be invited.

TEXAS OUTLAW COMMUNIST PARTY

AUSTIN, Thursday (Reuter). — Governor Shivers of Texas today signed a bill outlawing the Communist Party in the state. He said he still favored the death penalty for convicted Communists but would be willing for Texas to try the 30-year maximum prison term under the new law.

Joseph Returns With Hopes for Investment

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday. — Minister of Development, Dev Joseph and Lord Henderson, Foreign Under-Secretary of State, returned from New York this afternoon.

Dr. Joseph said that he had dealt in the U.S. with the possibilities of private persons investing in development projects here such as the development of the Dead Sea and exploitation of Negev minerals, and that he expected funds to be forthcoming shortly.

Lord Henderson, who was met at the airport by a representative of the Foreign Ministry and the British Embassy, has come for a fortnight as a guest of the Government.

Pitched Battle On Dien Bien Phu Airfield

HANOI, Thursday. — The defenders of Dien Bien Phu fought a pitched battle through-out today with Vietnamese troops who had dug and blasted a trench across the fortress airfield.

By nightfall, the French had cleared and filled in half the trench, but 80 rebels with tommyguns and grenades, were still holding out in the other half, a French spokesman said.

The presence of the Vietnamese on the airfield, the spokesman said, makes it impossible for the French to repair the torn metal surface of the airfield, blown up by bamboo poles stuffed with high explosive.

U.S. Mission Chief

LE-GEN. John O'Daniel, head of the U.S. Military Mission in Indo-China arrived in Saigon today to take up his post. At the same time Gen. Earl Partridge, Commander of the U.S. Far East Air Force, started a first-hand study of American military aid to the French forces in Indo-China.

An authoritative source said here today that the U.S. has moved two aircraft carriers with their full striking force of warplanes aboard, into Tonkin Gulf, off northern Indo-China.

(Reuter, UP)

Americato Keep Army As Long as Needed

WASHINGTON, Thursday (Reuter). — The Eisenhower Administration will issue soon, probably tomorrow, a guarantee that U.S. troops will be maintained at their present strength in Europe while the Communist threat continues. It was learned authoritatively today.

Officials refused to comment directly on the contents of the guarantee or to say how far these contents have been influenced by this week's talks in Paris between Secretary of State Dulles and French leaders.

Such a guarantee would be closely tied in with the proposed European Defence Community as an integral part of NATO. U.S. spokesmen have always maintained that the ratification and implementation of the E.D.C. plan for a six-nation European Army would be the best possible guarantee of the maintenance of American troops in Europe, because E.D.C. would in practice bring about a system of intimate and durable cooperation within NATO of British, U.S. and E.D.C. armies.

Vietminh Entirely Depends on China

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Foreign Under-Secretary Anthony Nutting stated today that Vietminh forces in Indo-China are "entirely dependent" on aid from China. In a written reply to a Socialist question asking the extent of Chinese aid to the Vietminh, Mr. Nutting said:

"According to our information, the Vietminh Communist forces are entirely dependent on aid from China for the conduct of regular military operations against the French Union forces in Indo-China."

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FORECAST: Warm during the morning, gradually cooling later with freshening winds. **OUTLOOK SATURDAY:** Partly cloudy. **OUTLOOK SUNDAY:** Showers.

(A) Humidity at 8 a.m. (B) Maximum temperature (C) Minimum temperature (D) Maximum temperature expected today

COURTS THROUGHOUT the country will be on Pessah vacation from today until April 23. Judges will be available to handle emergency cases.

405 EMIGRANTS had arrived in the period October 1953 to March, 1954 while 3,906 emigrants had left, according to the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency.

SECOND INSPECTOR Carmel Levanon, of the Negov Police Sub-Division, was stripped of his rank and dismissed from the force yesterday for refusing to obey an order, the police force has announced.

A METAL FINISHING training center, established with the aid of UNESCO, was opened in Givatayim yesterday in the presence of Government and U.N. representatives.

THE OFFICES of the Tel Aviv Municipality will be closed today.

Industrialists Open House in Haifa

HAIFA, Thursday. — The newly built three-story "Industrialists' House" was opened in the new Business Centre here today. The Industrial Bank is housed in the H. 60,000 building ground floor, while the upper stories will be used by the Manufacturers' Association.

Mayor Abba Kouchky, Mr. Arish Shenkar, President of the Manufacturers' Association, members of the Consular Corps and other representatives attended the opening.

Hacohen Gets Year's Jail in America

NEW YORK, Thursday (U.P.). — Federal Judge Matthew T. Abruzzo today sentenced Mrs. Ruth Hacohen, 28, of Ramat Gan, Israel, to one year and a day in prison for smuggling \$104,000 worth of diamonds into the U.S. three months ago. The judge said that he would consider reducing the sentence if Mrs. Hacohen's attorneys would appear in court within sixty days and show him a bond-fide passport and a ticket for her return to Israel. When Mrs. Hacohen was seized by Security Agents at Idlewild Airport she was travelling on her sister's passport.

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Ruth Hacohen will stand trial on her return for unlawfully leaving the country and pending the renewal of the investigation of the suspected smuggling ring which allegedly sent her abroad, presumably will stand trial on a charge of diamond smuggling, the police state, and hence when commenting on today's sentence in New York.

Rothschild Thanks Sprinzak for Honours

"I cannot imagine anything that would have pleased my father more, during his lifetime, than the idea that after his death he should be honoured in the Parliament of the independent Jewish State, that the Speaker of that young but venerable institution, and even the Prime Minister himself, would commemorate him, and that a message written with warm feeling and appreciation would be sent by the President of the State," Mr. James de Rothschild, elder son of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, wrote to Knesset Speaker Mr. Y. Sprinzak.

"Allow me to convey to you my sincere thanks for the honour you have bestowed on my parents," the letter continued. "The words of appreciation you said about them were very touching and I consider this a great honour to our family."

BANKERS VISIT BEN-ZVI

President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to lunch the Director of the Bank Leumi and Mrs. Hooten on the eve of Mr. Hooten's departure for Europe and the U.S. Guests included the Director of the State Bank and Mrs. Horowitz, the General Manager of the Bank Leumi, Dr. A. Barth, the Jerusalem Manager of the Bank Leumi, Dr. M. Hines, Mrs. D. Kaplan, Mrs. S. Arlosoroff and Miss V. Hooten.

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Samaritans and Christians Cross Border for Festivals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mandelbaum Gate was the scene of joyous and tearful reunion of Samaritan families from Jaffa and Nabulus, yesterday, as hundreds of tourists, pilgrims and priests crossed the lines into the Old City for Easter.

The Jordan authorities had refused entry-permits to seven Samaritans, so that altogether 30 men, women and children were obliged to stay behind in Israel, and miss the Passover sacrifice on Mount Gerizim, near Nabulus. As compensation, the Jordanians allowed the unlucky 30 to meet their Nabulus kinsmen in no-man's-land, by the Gate. The other 50 members of this ancient Hebrew sect crossed without mishap, and travelled in taxis straight to Mount Gerizim, where they camped for a week after the Passah lamps have been sacrificed. The Samaritan High Priest, in dark robe and turban, greeted the Israel Samaritans at Mandelbaum Gate. Dr. A. Biran, the Jerusalem District Representative, and the Jordan Chief Liaison Officer, Mr. N. Nishan, came to watch the crossing.

Each Samaritan was allowed three Dinars (IL.15) for his expenses, and some carried sacks of oranges and onions as festival gifts.

Catholic Easter celebrations in Israel this year will focus on a night vigil at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem. Monsignor Silvio Oddi, Apostolic delegate, is coming from his residence in Rome.

Development Budget

The figures for the two-month IL.324m. interim Development Budget were officially released yesterday, following their approval by the Knesset Finance Committee:

Agriculture	IL.10,398,000
Arava Development	440,000
Industry	2,300,000
Quarries and Mines	1,200,000
Electricity	2,400,000
Jordan Canal	1,500,000
Communications	2,480,000
Flora	600,000
Housing	2,350,000
Loans to local councils and public companies	1,400,000
Buildings - medical, educational and institutional	2,260,000
Jerusalem Development	300,000
Funds and various enterprises	80,000
Public Works	1,500,000
Employment-increasing works	2,000,000
General Reserve	120,000

The Finance Committee has approved the electricity and Jordan Valley expenditure (IL.24m. and IL.15m. respectively) in their entirety. The other items have been granted 80% approval, the remaining 20% to be added to the full Development Budget. This is still in the process of preparation, and should be ready after Pessah, informed sources state.

Bottled Milk

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The first phase of the UNICEF "safe milk" plan will begin here in four months with the marketing of 60,000 half-litre bottles a day by Canva and about 30,000 by the private sector, Mr. N. Varinaki, manager of Canva, today told Minister of Commerce and Industry Peretz Bernstein. The Minister toured the large Tel Aviv dairy here as well as that of the United Dairies, hearing numerous complaints of competition with the local industry from American imported cheese and butter. He said that at times it was the Government's duty to care for the consumer even more than for the producer, and hence the necessity to supply the cheap cheese and butter.

Both Mr. Bernstein and the Food Controller, Mr. A. Halevi, declared that today's milk was of poor quality. Mr. Halevi stated that the distributors often adulterate milk.

Escaped Monkey Shot After Chase

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — With heavy heart, a Zoo attendant here this morning shot and killed a four-year-old male Vervet monkey who had escaped from the Zoo yesterday afternoon.

The monkey ran through Sderot Rothschild and adjacent gardens, spending the night atop a tree near Rehov Sheinkin.

Efforts to capture him were hampered by crowds of onlookers, mainly youngsters.

The monkey was considered to be dangerous to children and the Zoo authorities and police decided that the animal must go.

The monkey had escaped together with a two-year-old male of the same family who however, was caught in the Zoo grounds and returned to his cage. The two Vervets were brought here from East Africa about 18 months ago.

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ISRAEL EMBROIDERY

2 Men, Child Killed In Road Accidents

RAMLE, Thursday. — Three men and a child were killed in road accidents today.

Three-year-old Masada Parosh was killed, and his father critically injured in a collision between a truck and a horse-drawn cart on the Ramle-Nabulus road.

PESSAH

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land in Haifa today instead of tomorrow. The seder which was to have been given by the Army at a unit stationed in the Negev, with the participation of representatives of religious missions and the Chief of Staff was cancelled yesterday. The cancellation, it is learned, is the result of representations by religious bodies who feared that the seder planned would necessitate infringing on Shabbat laws.

In Haifa, housewives have been angered by the excessive prices for sea fish — IL.3 to IL.5 per kilogram asked by dealers. With Haifa not receiving a holiday carp ration, such profiteering hit the town especially hard. The price of chicken increased sharply for the holiday, and the cost of vegetables and flour also went up. Best root prices were almost doubled.

Housewives did most of their shopping yesterday and green-groceries which remained open until late were almost empty by the evening. No vegetables are expected to arrive today.

'Unfit' Boat Sails Without Emigrants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Thursday. — A group of 30 emigrants due to leave for Rumania in the 900 ton s.s. Constanta today were turned back at the Port gate this morning, when the Maritime Inspector refused to authorize the vessel to sail with passengers aboard.

The inspector found that the small cargo boat was unfit for sailing and that it had insufficient life-boat space.

The emigrants were told by the representative of the Sovrom Transport Company that a cable had been sent to Bucharest and that another ship would call here to pick them up probably next week.

The Constanta sailed this evening with 11,000 cases of oranges.

From Cochín and Yemen

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday. — Sixty-nine immigrants from Cochín arrived here today by El Al from Nicosia where they had been flown by a chartered British aircraft. The group included 25 children.

The arrivals brought with them three ancient Torah scrolls and a shofar.

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ISRAEL EMBROIDERY

ALL BUSY IN THE SHARON

KFAR SABA, Thursday. — For the first time in many months, no unemployment was recorded in the entire Sharon area in the past two weeks and all relief works have been suspended.

Even older persons were employed in the past week by Municipalities in special street-cleaning jobs.

Delat Sentenced To Life Imprisonment

HAIFA, Thursday. — George Delat, 31, was sentenced to life imprisonment today in the District Court here for the murder of his wife, Aliza, 25, in the southern Tel Aviv Haifa suburb of Ramat Gan.

The Court rejected Delat's alibi that he had been absent from the murder on the night of the murder as an "obvious lie." Judge H. Zohar and Mrs. A. Vinograd found Delat guilty of murder, while Judge J. Cohen found him guilty of manslaughter only as he had found no proof of premeditation.

Haifa Marks Sixth Liberation Day

HAIFA, Thursday. — This city marked the sixth anniversary of its liberation today. This afternoon, a two-minute silence was observed throughout the town and a memorial service for those who fell in the battle for the town was held in the military cemetery.

In the evening, a service was held in the Central Synagogue, and this was followed by a public meeting.

THE FLAG of the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt raised yesterday on Mount Zion in memory of the Revolt. Dr. S. Z. Kahane, Director General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, enlivened the ghetto fighters and poems of the Mishpa were studied.

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ISRAEL EMBROIDERY

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LONDON, Thursday (Reuter).

Nineteen of Britain's leading authors have threatened to strike if the Publishers' Association goes ahead with a plan to force all new authors to give them a cut of film, theatre, radio, television and strip cartoon rights.

In a letter to "The Times," they said that they will sign no new contracts with publishers because they feel "that publishers are gaining up against new authors... They are trying to take a percentage on different industrial acts of creation in a film or a play—as well as the book they are handling," the letter added.

The 19 who are members of the Society of Authors, include J.B. Priestley, Oshert Sitwell, W. Somerset Maugham, Sir Compton Mackenzie, Sir Alan Herbert, Walter de la Mare, Joyce Cary and John Galsworthy, the Poet Laureate.

PETAH TIKVA STRIKE

PETAH TIKVA. — All municipal employees added to their union order to strike today and they received letters of sympathy from the workers of the Natanya, Hadera and Holon Municipalities.

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FATE OF A FAMOUS BOOK

By ABRAHAM YAMINI

One of the most interesting Hebrew books written in the past centuries is "Hemdat Yamini" (Delight of the Days), published anonymously in 1763. It is a collection of 222 letters, each of which is a masterpiece of style, his forceful and convincing delivery, his uncompromising stand, his moral rectitude and his highly developed sense of social justice.

The editor of the work, an Israeli scholar, relates that he found the manuscript at Safad while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and though he did not know the name of the author, immediately recognized that before him lay a sacred work. He then set out to find the author.

Roman poet: Books have their fate. But this particular work had a fate unique and unlike that of any other book in history. For on the one hand it enjoyed a particularly wide circulation, and has been reprinted at least eight times in the course of 174 years, while on the other, it had not been reprinted since 1764.

Specific sections of the work were printed as separate books, and a number of them reached no less than 30 editions. But these were published in the Balkans, in Arab countries, and some in Holland and Italy, while not a single one of them was issued in Germany, Poland or Russia—countries that had the biggest Jewish populations. Very few copies of the complete work could be found there in the last two centuries.

Conflicting Views

The venerable sage, Haim Abulafia (who in 1740 resettled Tiberias after it had been desolate for a century) is said to have commented on the author that he wrote his sacred work under a pillar of cloud that had descended upon him from heaven. And Rabbi Ya'akov Algal, the editor, wrote that the author "is like unto an angel from Heaven, and the spirit of God dwells within him." But on the other hand, Rabbi Jacob Emden (who lived in the 18th century) is said to have written that the author was a wicked man who perverts the word of the living God. It is further related that the author was a Jew from Safad, and that he was a disciple of the author of the work on the desk of one of his disciples remarked: "You have an unclean book on your desk."

While on the one hand the Jews of Turkey, the Balkan countries and the Arab lands revered the work, it was taboo for observant Jewish circles in Russia and Poland. Among the Sephardi communities in the East, the work was deemed so important that many of its prayers it contained were introduced into their regular prayer books, while in Poland the very name of the book was unmentionable. Whence this dual fate?

Emden's Ban

In the middle of the 18th century, Rabbi Jacob Emden rose against the remnants of the Shabbat Zvi movement that still persisted, overtly or covertly, in Italy, Central Europe and Poland. In this battle, which he considered necessary to the very existence of Judaism, he left no stone unturned and the slightest suspicion against an individual sufficed to rouse him to action. A copy of "Hemdat Yamini" fell into his hands, and though he had it for only a short time during which he could no more than superficially scan its pages, he concluded that the book was the work of Nathan of Gaza, prophet and herald of Shabbat Zvi. The basis for Emden's conclusion was that the book contained a couple of liturgical poems for Passover with Nathan's name in acrostic, though there is no mention of Shabbat Zvi in them. This ought to prove that the book was not written by Nathan, for the author explicitly states that he borrowed the poems from someone else and incorporated them into his work because he liked them. Emden's suspicion was enough to ban the book, especially in Poland, where the Frankist movement was then causing much damage.

Emden's charge was accepted by 19th century Jewish historians and bibliographers without examination of the evidence. For the Wissenschaft des Judentums scholars of the emancipation period, anything that had to do with mysticism or messianism was objectionable.

Riddle of Authorship

About 50 years ago a certain Jerusalemite, neither scholar nor historian, but a kabbalist who held "Hemdat Yamini" in great esteem and was far removed from Shabbatism, published a small pamphlet in which he showed that the book could not have been written by Nathan of Gaza. Contrary to the professional scholars, this Jerusalemite read the book from beginning to end and showed a keener critical sense than those who preceded him. Thus Emden's accepted view was refuted. But no other view was put forward with regard to the identity of the author. The only conclusion was that the book was written after 1695.

I first became interested in this problem in connection with other historical research in which I was engaged. I assumed that it would be impossible for an author of a work of such outstanding character to leave in his work no traces of his identity, or of events of his times, even if he was bent upon not revealing his name. I began to look out for such hints in the work itself. Naturally, I had in mind a number of "suspects" and my task was to reduce their number, or to find any

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name that was not included in my list. What I found I have set down in my book "Hemdat Yamini" (Mystery of a Book) which has just been published.

Date of Writing

The first step was to discover the date of writing of the work. This would naturally limit the scope of my quest. On the basis of events and books mentioned in the work, I soon came to the conclusion that the work could have been written before 1695, while, on the basis of quotations of the book when still in manuscript, I concluded that it had already been written by 1679. Hence, I obtained a period of 16 years within which I was to search for the author.

Further investigations brought to light the exact date. In one of the prayers included in the second volume, the author says:

"And we are held in our captivity thousands, six hundred years and one since the destruction of our holy and magnificent Temple." In another prayer, in the third volume, he complains about those who forget "the troubles of Israel in its captivity now one thousand, six hundred years and two." Now, since the date of the destruction of the Second Temple was then considered to be 38 C.E., these two volumes must have been written in 1669-1670.

The next step was to discover the age of the author when he wrote his book. This was facilitated by a passage in which the author, discussing a halakic decision, states that "the decision enjoyed the concurrence of my colleague Rabbi Solomon Halevi." He could use the term colleague only if the man were of his own age or even younger than he, but not if he were his senior. We happen to know that Solomon Halevi was born in 1583. Assuming that the author of "Hemdat Yamini" was of the same age, he must have been 37 years old when he wrote his work; even if he was ten years younger, he must have been at least 27.

A Safad Kabbalist

Further study elicited the fact that the author lived in the Holy Land, since he alludes many times to customs "current here in the Holy Land." But just where? The author mentions by name no less than 26 sages of the Holy Land who flourished in his day and in the two preceding generations. And since all of them were from Safad, only one from Hebron, and not a single one from Jerusalem, the logical conclusion was to place him at Safad.

He also mentions numerous times his distinguished teacher, describing his mien, and things he learned and heard from him. An examination of these passages reveals that the teacher was a Safad kabbalist, a pupil of Rabbi Hayim Vital and a great authority in halakic. From other hints dropped in the book it was easy to conclude that the author headed a group of kabbalists whose aim it was to hasten the Redemption through exemplary behavior and living.

On a Mission in Europe

We learn from the work that the author went abroad often, for he alludes to things he saw and persons he met in Central Europe, Italy, Egypt and Turkey. Among the cities he visited, he mentions specifically Constantinople, Salonika and Venice—among the persons he met we find the name of Moses Zacuto of Venice. This indicates that the author went abroad twice as a Holy Land emissary—once to the Turkish provinces and once to Western Europe.

The Riddle Solved

From various quotations in the work, we learn that the author wrote at least eight books before

Stamp of the Week

Some people go in for thematic collections of stamps. I arranged them by subjects instead of countries. It is a cheap way of collecting, and I have a set of five, each issued in Moscow (for Russia), a Portuguese colony in China.

The set of five, each issued in London and one of the latest stamps in it is this study of a marvellous flower called "Jasmin". It is printed in white, yellow and green leaves on a background of light brown.

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Having been able to reconstruct the personality of the author, it seemed safe to conclude that this personality suits only one man of that generation on the famous kabbalist Benjamin Halevi of Safad, pupil of Rabbi Hayim Vital, himself a disciple of Rabbi Yehonatan Vital. On his mission to Italy, Rabbi Moses Zacuto attached himself to him and became his disciple in kabbala. Everything we know about this man from other sources (here I was greatly assisted by my own researches on the history of the Holy Land emissaries) agrees completely with everything we have been able to gather from "Hemdat Yamini" itself.

On reaching this conclusion, I began to compare everything that Zacuto had to say about Halevi in matters of Kabbala and prayer with the absolute identity. The identification of the author was now complete.

Now it was possible to revert to the basic question concerning the work: Was it a Shabbatist work? The work contains not a single allusion to the person of Shabbat Zvi. Nor does it allude to anything specific in Shabbatist theology. The author remained absolutely true to tradition. He mentions, however, two men who were closely connected with Shabbat Zvi, Nathan of Gaza, whose liturgical poems are included in the work, and a certain Yehonatan whom he tells a tale. It has been proved that the author could have met, and most likely did meet these two men before Shabbat Zvi had declared himself Messiah.

The Way to Redemption

However, although the pseudo-Messiah is never mentioned or alluded to, the work is filled with the tension of the Redemption movement of the time. This is no book devoted merely to ethical and mystical teaching; it is first and foremost a work that instructs the Jew in the way of life that would bring about the Redemption. And now that we know that the work was written three

or four years after the appearance of Shabbat Zvi, we may conclude that it is all the result of the movement of those times and that its aim was to lend strength and renewed courage to the Jews after the pseudo-Messianic debacle.

Influence on Hasidism

An examination of the influence exerted by this work on the generations that followed, especially during the growth of Hasidism, shows that the work was printed four times at Zolichow in Poland during the years 1761-1783, the period in which Rabbi Israel Meir Eliezer was at the height of his activity. These editions were printed mainly for the Hasidim and were a great influence over their lives. Only after the troubles brought upon Polish Jewry by the collective secession of the Frankists from the Jewish faith in 1773, did Polish Jews ready to listen to Emden's charges against the book.

In the chain, however, "Hemdat Yamini" was a most important link between the Kabbala of the Holy Land, initiated by Rabbi Isaac Luria, and the new Hasidic movement in Poland.

ENGLISH BOOKS AND PLAYS

LONDON LETTER

By Olivia Manning

falling off of Priestley's powers as a dramatist.

Successful Adaptation

I doubt whether Mr. Robert Morley need fear so swift an end for his comedy "Hippo Dancin'", which opened recently at the Lyric, Morley, who plays the chief part, adapted the play from the French and did an excellent job on it. The French play touches on the problem of homosexuality, one not very acceptable to English theatre-goers, and in the English version this problem has been wisely changed into that of a penniless young man accepting money and presents from a wealthy young widow.

Despite the brilliance of the adaptation, the play remains very French in its construction and in many of its views, yet it is likely to hold its audience by its witty dialogue and the tremendous vitality with which Mr. Morley tackles the part of the father who refuses his sons money or assistance, then displays an absurd vanity when the boys come unaided to the top.

Brilliant Film Comedy

The best British film for a long time, and one that I hope will soon be seen in Israel's cinemas, is "The Magpie," brilliantly directed by Michael Balcon, whose comedies are the world-famous. "The Magpie" has a delicious quality: it is at once tender, unceasingly funny, and a delight to watch. It tells the story of an old Scottish cargo boat of the type called a puffer. At the end

man's awakening, after a night with the Uetovar play, there were many who thought "The White Countess" not so black as it was painted.

The story of a married woman's awakening, after a night with the Uetovar play, there were many who thought "The White Countess" not so black as it was painted.

dream-carrying out under the cloak of philanthropy. For if there ever was a man who insisted that the road to national redemption lay in practical endeavor, that national renaissance could come about through the Jews' tilling their own soil, speaking their own language and living a life of mutual assistance—and all that in their own land—that man was Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

Using straightforward narrative, Kressel traces the advance of the idea of political Zionism and leads the reader along the paths taken by Herzl, on the one hand, and Baron de Rothschild, on the other. When the train does meet, there is a clash, the outcome of diversity in approach. The greatness of the man who was ready to admit that his opponent was in the right is considerably enhanced through the writer's sympathetic treatment of his subject. We must be grateful for this well-drawn portrait that belongs to a great chapter in the history of the Yishuv.

M.H.

Mountain Air

The keen air of the mountains, their sunlit diadem of snow, Pines pluming their trunks aloft In the tall landscape of Spring.

Can the mountain withstand Weather still the river turns its current?

Yet valleys always yield Oyclanams amid snow and sun.

The rainbow mounts the steps Of the fragment

Like the white crest of a dream, Where does reality begin?

And where is the end of mirage? DAVID ROSEK

Translated from Hebrew by J. M. Lask and to be published shortly by Tarnish Books, Jerusalem.

A Dedicated Life

AVI HATHEVET (Father of the Yishuv): Baron Edmond de Rothschild. With an introduction by Dr. Yehonatan Vital. Tel Aviv: Kasher Kitchen. Very reasonable prices.

Barely six months after the death of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, his son, Baron Jacques, devoted himself to the study on the founding and development of Petah Tikva. Mr. Kressel presents us with an intimate portrait of the noble man who undertook to do for his people what it normally takes a firmly established state to do for the welfare of its citizens.

The many-faceted activities of Baron Edmond de Rothschild and his vision of return to Eretz Israel have been amply described in the past few weeks. Kressel in his work shows the intimate connection between the Rothschild family and the Jewish people and Palestine, the transition from "The Baron" to "The Benefactor," and the relentless and purposeful drive of a visionary's dream-carrying out under the cloak of philanthropy. For if there ever was a man who insisted that the road to national redemption lay in practical endeavor, that national renaissance could come about through the Jews' tilling their own soil, speaking their own language and living a life of mutual assistance—and all that in their own land—that man was Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

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Life and Letters

The Gaon's Pilgrimage

Contributions to the latest issue of "Sinai," the excellent "religious-national" monthly, edited by Rabbi Y. L. Maimon and published by Moshe Harav Kook, include an article by President Ben Zvi on "HAGRAH and its Attempts to Settle in Eretz-Israel." Dealing with the perplexing question of the settlement of the Gaon Elyahu of Vilna to emigrate to the Holy Land, the last of which seems to have occurred in 1782, the distinguished author examines the various reasons suggested by other scholars and offers his own solution.

Ancient Haggada

Just in time for Passover the famous Haggada of Gerson Cohen, printed in Prague in 1577, has been reproduced in a pleasant volume by the "Sinai" publishers, Tel Aviv. An introduction (the author of which is not named) contains a few welcome observations on the Haggada, and the illustrations of the Prague Haggada, and variants in its text.

Bible in French

No. 66 of "Bulletin critique du livre français" (February, 1964) lists—among an almost overwhelming number of new publications—a new French translation of the Bible, under the direction of the Ecole biblique de Jerusalem. So far, three parts of the Old Testament have appeared: the books of Samuel (in the translation of R. de Vaux, O.P.); Ecclesiastes; and Habakkuk, Obadiah, Joel.

A selection from the Apocrypha (337 pp., 750 fr.) is translated by J. Bonsirven and introduced by Daniel Ropa.

The New Europe

"Forum" is the name of a new monthly journal published in Vienna. Like the admirable French "Esprit," the Spanish "Cuadernos," and the recently started "Encounter," the new Austrian journal is connected with the "Congres pour la culture" in Paris, whose Executive includes (apart from the late Benedetto Croce and John Dewey) such celebrities as Malraux, Maritain, R. Niebuhr and Bertrand Russell.

The new Austrian paper has made a promising start, and its March issue includes several highly interesting articles

on political and ideological questions of the day, in addition to literary contributions and reviews.

"Perspectives," published by Hamish Hamilton, London, and Intercultural Publications, Inc., New York, is another extremely interesting and superbly illustrated new journal for literature, art and music. The price of 2/6 for a number of some 200 pages is remarkably cheap.

Lecture on Lella

It is always delightful to hear one poet interpreting another. The crowded audience who listened to Mme. Simone Chevallier talking about George Sand at the Centre de Culture Francaise in Jerusalem on Tuesday acknowledged by its prolonged applause how much it enjoyed her lecture. Accompanied in style and without a touch of humor, she drew in bold strokes the portrait of her heroine, with deep insight into the romantic pilgrimage of her life. M. P. de Beauvais, French Consul, presided.

A distinguished poet herself and editor of a superb series of volumes called La Voix des Poetes, Mme. Chevallier has just returned from a tour in Galilee, the scene of a new novel she is now writing.

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